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In re Application of
Lauri HUOTARI, et al.
Application No.: 09/936,868
PCT No.: PCT/FI00/00205
Int. Filing Date: 15 March 2000
Priority Date: 15 March 1999
Attorney Docket No.: PAT131USA
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
WORKING PAPER, BOARD, OR
SIMILAR

DECISION ON
PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

Applicants' facsimile communication filed 17 October 2002 is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting acceptance of a copy of the declaration of the inventors submitted with the petition as being submitted originally on 21 February 2002 in the above-captioned application. The petition is **GRANTED** as follows:

No petition fee is required.

The evidence submitted by applicants, which includes a copy of the postcard receipt with a PTO mailroom stamped date of 21 February 2002 itemizing all the papers submitted on that date in the above-captioned application, is sufficient to establish that a declaration of the inventors for application serial number 09/936,868 was received in the Office on such date. The postcard receipt clearly shows that a "Declaration", a Credit Card payment for \$65.00 and transmittal letter for applicants HUOTARI bearing docket No. PAT131USA and having a title "METHOD AND DEVICE FOR WORKING PAPER, BOARD, OR SIMILAR" were submitted on 21 February 2002 using the Certificate of mailing procedure. Accordingly, acceptance of a copy of the declaration of the inventors submitted with the petition as being submitted originally on 21 February 2002 is appropriate.

A review of the declaration filed with the petition indicates that it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)(2). The declaration indicates that it is directed to a specification "which is attached hereto" while no specification is attached to the declaration. Also, it

should be noted that the Credit card authorization is no more valid since the expiration date of the card is July 2002.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision, that is, a) for entry of the declaration of the inventors in the application, and b) for issuance of a Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) to inform applicants of the above-noted defects.



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